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In the Claims:

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A method for processing data in a database based upon performing a Shor's quantum algorithm as a function (f(x)) encoded with n qubits for factoring a number numbers within the database, the method comprising:

performing a superposition operation according to the Shor's quantum algorithm over a set of input vectors, and generating a corresponding superposition vector, the performing comprising

calculating as a function of the n qubits a value $(1/2^{n/2})$ of non-null components of the superposition vector, and

calculating indices $\frac{(i)}{(i)}$ of the 2^n non-null components of the superposition vector as an arithmetic succession, a seed of which is 1 and a difference of which is 2^n ;

performing an entanglement operation on the superposition vector, and generating a corresponding entanglement vector; and

performing an interference operation on the entanglement vector, and generating a corresponding output vector representing <u>at least one of</u> the factored number numbers from the database.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 6, wherein performing the entanglement operation comprises: calculating indices (k) of the 2^n non-null components

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of the entanglement vector, summing to each term of the arithmetic succession a relative number corresponding to the value of the function (f(j)) calculated based upon a position (j) of the term in the succession $(k=f(j)+1+2^n(j-1))$; and

a value of the non-null components of the entanglement vector being equal to the non-null components of the superposition vector.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 7, further comprising generating real and imaginary components of the output vector by performing the following:

for each index h of the real and imaginary components, verifying whether among terms of the arithmetic succession $h \mod 2^n + 1 + 2^n (j-1)$ has a seed of $h \mod 2^n + 1$, with j being an index and 2^n being a common difference, that there is at least one term corresponding to an index of the non-null component of the entanglement vector; and if the verifying is negative, making the real and imaginary components equal to zero;

otherwise calculating the real component as a product between a value of the non-null components and a summation of the following cosine functions

$$\cos\left(2\pi\frac{\left(j-1\right)\cdot\operatorname{int}\left[\left(h-1\right)/2^{n}\right]}{2^{n}}\right)$$
, and

calculating the imaginary component as a product between a value of the non-null components and a summation of the following sine functions

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$$\sin\left(2\pi\frac{(j-1)\cdot\inf[(h-1)/2^n]}{2^n}\right)$$

for all values of the index j of the arithmetic succession in which indices (k) of the non-null components of the entanglement vector correspond thereto.

Claims 9-10 (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A quantum gate for processing data in a database based upon performing a Shor's quantum algorithm as a function (f(x)) encoded with n qubits for factoring a number numbers within the database, the quantum gate comprising:

a superposition subsystem for performing a superposition operation according to the Shor's quantum algorithm over a set of input vectors, and generating a corresponding superposition vector, said superposition subsystem

calculating as a function of the n qubits a value $(1/2^{n/2})$ of non-null components of the superposition vector (P), and

calculating indices $\frac{(i)}{(i)}$ of the 2^n non-null components of the superposition vector as an arithmetic succession, a seed of which is 1 and a difference of which is 2^n ;

an entanglement subsystem for performing an entanglement operation on the superposition vector, and

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generating a corresponding entanglement vector; and

an interference subsystem for performing an
interference operation on the entanglement vector, and
generating a corresponding output vector representing at least
one of the factored number numbers from the database.

- 12. (Currently Amended) A quantum gate according to Claim 11, further comprising a first memory buffer for storing the value $(1/2^{n/2})$ and the indices $\frac{(i)}{n}$.
- 13. (Previously Presented) A quantum gate according to Claim 11, wherein said entanglement subsystem calculates indices (k) of the 2^n non-null components of the entanglement vector, sums to each term of an arithmetic succession a number corresponding to a value of the given function (f(j)) calculated based upon a position (j) of the term in the succession $(k = f(j) + 1 + 2^n(j-1))$; and a value of the non-null components of the entanglement vector being equal to the non-null components of the superposition vector.
- 14. (Previously Presented) A quantum gate according to Claim 13, further comprising a second memory buffer for storing the indices (k) of the 2^n non-null components of the entanglement vector.
- 15. (Previously Presented) A quantum gate according to Claim 13, wherein said interference subsystem generates real and imaginary components of the output vector by performing the following:

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for each index h of the real and imaginary components, verifying whether among terms of the arithmetic succession $h \mod 2^n + 1 + 2^n (j-1)$ having a seed of $h \mod 2^n + 1$, with j being an index and 2^n being a common difference, that there is at least one term corresponding to an index of the non-null component of the entanglement vector; and if the verifying is negative, making the real and imaginary components equal to zero;

otherwise calculating the real component as a product between a value of the non-null components and a summation of the following cosine functions

$$\cos\left(2\pi\frac{(j-1)\cdot\operatorname{int}[(h-1)/2^n]}{2^n}\right)$$
, and

calculating the imaginary component as a product between a value of the non-null components and a summation of the following sine functions

$$\sin\left(2\pi\frac{(j-1)\cdot\inf[(h-1)/2^n]}{2^n}\right)$$

for all values of the index j of the arithmetic succession in which indices (k) of the non-null components of the entanglement vector correspond thereto.

Claims 16-23 (Cancelled).